

It is senseless to go through this again. As we continue this debate from last year, I want to say again that cutting development assistance to India would have disastrous effects.

I know that some members feel that India now has the opportunity to operate without the help of the United States. To that I say opportunity only follows hard work. It follows effort. And it never comes before.

Let's take this opportunity now to put forth the effort to truly help India, let's vote down the Burton amendment and help keep India on the road to economic sufficiency.

IN HONOR OF THE SPONSORS OF
PROJECT CHILDREN 2000

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sponsors of Project Children 2000, a program enabling children from Northern Ireland to temporarily escape the bitter conflict they have known all their lives, a conflict that has deprived them of their childhood, in a land where hatred and divisiveness have shaped the social climate. Project Children was established to provide a small window of simple childhood pleasures, a holiday of sorts dedicated to peaceful, happy pursuits—these children deserve nothing less, and so much more.

The sponsors or host families of this outstanding program have opened their hearts and their homes to these often neglected victims of the conflict, and they have done so with a profound sense of duty and a rare display of generosity and compassion. I am extremely proud that so many families from my district have volunteered to participate in Project Children. I would like to thank the following sponsors: John and Diane Antonacci; Terrance and Linda Begley; Joseph and Nancy Caprio; Steven and Annette Carbone; John and Linda Carney; David and Patricia Cedrone; Saulle and Marge Critell; Daniel and Susan Davison; Phillip and Kathleen DeCicco; Mark and Lynn deRowen; Donald and Irene Diverio; Al and Ellen Dorso; Peter and Robin DuHaime; Thomas and Cynthia Evison; Rick and Arlene Faustini; Raymond and Donna Flannery; Thomas and Michele Flynn; Salvatore and Patricia Fontana; Jim and Ana Gilligan; Michael and Pat Goodwin; Michael and Stephanie Griffin; John and Veronika Hecker; George and Margaret Hughes; Nicholas and Patricia Kaminsky; Andrew and Lynne Klosowski; Richard and Eileen Leahy; Brian and Elizabeth Lynch; David and Debra Stroehlein; Nicholad and Agnes Mangelli; Lorenzo and Debra Marchese; Harold and Janice Miller; Kevin and Lisa Miller; Bob and Dyan Moore; Craig and Sharon Parker; Alan and Jan Paul; Craig and Kerry Plokhoy; David and Cathleen Quinn; Timothy and Amy Quinzer; David and Sally Roche; William and MaryJo Sabbert; Jan and Karen Samowski; Scott and Maria Sim; Jeffrey and Eileen Simmers; Stephen and Catherine Simpson; Michael and Laura Sims; Hoby and Joyce Stager; Keith and Barbara Stiehler; Robert and Denise Thompson Jr.; Joyce Vargas, Joseph and Barbara Wewills; Rodney and Linda Bialko.

I also want to recognize the lovely children from Ireland who are gracing New Jersey with their presence this summer: Jeannette Bailey; Nicole Bennett; Nichola Boyd; Emma Campbell; John Clift; Marie-Theresa Collins; Stephen Coyle; Jason Curran; William Curran; Stephen Devine; Gemma Devlin; Anthony DiLucia; James Donnelly; Joseph Donnelly; Michelle Donnelly; Michael Duffy; Marie Sinead Flanagan; Caoimbe Marie Fox; Nathan Friel; Oria Gargan; Sean Paul Gorman; Kathleen Hall; Sinead Handley; Tomas Hull; Daniel Hutchings; Sinead Jackson; Jade Laird; David Lewsley; Gary Logan; Daniel Lynch; Laura Lyons; Martin Magennis; Jemina Maguire; Ursula McAteer; Nicola McCabe; Louise McConville; Samantha McConville; Jason McKernan; Claire McKinley; Luke McKibben; Sinead McLarnon; Sonia McManus; Pdraig McPartland; Elaine Murray; Caoimhin McVeigh; Louise Kayleigh McVeigh; Charlene McWilliams; Grainne Pelan; John Robinson; Adele Ross; Una Simpson; Clare Tallon; Lorraine Villa; and Gemma Weir.

In addition, Project Children would not be successful without the hard work of dedicated committee members and other staff. I thank them as well.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Project Children and everyone who has contributed to making it a great success.

IN HONOR OF MINOR GEORGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great servant of the people of Cleveland and leader of the Arab-American community, former Parma councilman Minor George. His recent death, at the age of 78, is a sorrowful event for the entire Cleveland, Ohio community.

Mr. George served as a Navy Lieutenant in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. After the war he was elected as the only Republican on the City Council of Parma and served three terms. In that office, his support was crucial to the success of a number of important Parma-area developments, including Parma Community General Hospital and Parma Town Hall. He was later to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican party.

Mr. George founded the Cleveland American Middle East organization with his friend Richard Ganim. Today this organization is the Arab-American community's leading political organization, uniting the voice of this important part of the wider Cleveland community. It is a suitable tribute to the vision of its founder, who became the National Arab-American President.

Mr. George also worked tirelessly with entertainer Danny Thomas to raise money to open St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Without his efforts, this wonderful institution, which helps hundreds of sick children each year, would never have opened. We all owe him an enormous debt of gratitude.

Through this exemplary record of public service, Mr. George rose to national prominence and his opinions were sought in meetings with Presidents Nixon, Ford and Bush as

well as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. He always conducted himself with great dignity and was well respected by all sections of the Cleveland community. He will be sorely missed.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring the memory of this great community leader and role model.

MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the July 12, 2000, Omaha World Herald editorial entitled "Another Reason to Hold Off." As the editorial correctly notes, this President should not make a decision on deployment of a missile defense system and should leave the decision to the next President. This Member has long supported the concept of a limited missile defense, however, a decision on deployment is premature. Ultimately a limited missile defense system is likely to prove feasible, especially in a sea-based deployment mode. A sea-based capacity can be readily deployed to an area of increased tension and directed more effectively at the missiles of a threat country, thus making it more feasible to destroy these missiles in the launch phase. This Member urges his colleagues to heed the admonition in this insightful editorial.

ANOTHER REASON TO HOLD OFF

If the proposed U.S. missile defense system were a demo model on a car dealer's lot, the average American wouldn't buy it—at least in its present condition. You step on the accelerator and it doesn't go. Or you try to make a sharp turn and the steering wheel comes off in your hands.

That isn't to say it can't be made right. We hope it can. But it certainly calls into question whether President Clinton ought to put in motion the process that would ultimately lead to its deployment. Our view is that the final decision can wait.

A choice not to decide is, after all, a decision in itself. And at present, given the killer missile's sputtery test record—last Saturday, the booster rocket somehow failed to turn loose of the interceptor—it's the right one to make.

It's a decision made easier by the fact that North Korea, frequently mentioned as a "rogue" state that might try to fling a nuclear missile or two at the United States:

(1) Is generally judged not to be able to deploy one for at least five years (probably quite a bit longer, in reality); and (2) is currently making enough friendly noises about cooperation and even reconciliation with the West and with its sister state to the south that America may well come to view it with far less concern.

That still leaves other countries—Libya, Iran, Iraq, maybe even Pakistan—that might someday pose such a threat. But seasoned observers put their chances for fielding such missiles in a much longer time frame than was ever projected for North Korea.

This system, if built, is estimated to cost \$60 billion. That may well be low; when did we last hear of a weapons system coming in either on or under budget? Of its three currently scheduled tests, it has now failed two.

Mr. President, this important and costly device plainly needs more work. Either Governor Bush or Vice President Gore, as the

next president, is more than capable of making the decision. Let George or Al do it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, due to travel delays, I was not present for rollcall votes 373 through 378. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 373, "no" on rollcall vote 374, "aye" on rollcall vote 375, "no" on rollcall vote 376, "aye" on rollcall vote 377 and "no" on rollcall vote 378.

HONORING GIOACCHINO BALSAMO FOR A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor an extraordinary individual whose contributions to the Italian-American community in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut have been truly invaluable. A friend to all who know him, I am honored to pay tribute to my Uncle Gino as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

The son of an Italian Supreme Court Judge, Gino grew up in Rome and came to the United States with his family shortly after the conclusion of World War II. Ambitious and hard working, Gino took on a variety of jobs throughout Greater New Haven, doing whatever necessary to support his wife, Nerina, and two children. Always committed to his Italian heritage, one of Gino's first jobs was delivering the news on the local Italian radio station. During his first years in New Haven, he found a friend and mentor in my father, Ted DeLauro to help guide him as he began a new life in America. Gino and his family formed a special bond with my family. My mother, Luisa, was especially close with her Aunt Nettie, whom she lived with until Nettie was fifteen years old. Gino's family would come to dinner every Thursday night and I can remember listening in wonder to his stories of Rome and Amalfi, New Haven's sister city. His gentle nature endeared him to all those fortunate to know him and I consider myself blessed to be in his family.

After becoming a prominent figure in the Italian-American community of the Greater New Haven area, he began to use his many talents to assist Italian immigrants with immigration formalities, translations, and travel arrangements to the "Old Country". As a native of Italy and immigrant himself, Gino understood the fear and confusion of coming to a new country. He used his knowledge of his homeland and what he had learned here to support and comfort families that sought his assistance. Finding more and more of his time focused on these issues, he established the Balsamo Agency at the age of fifty-two and ran the company until his retirement at the tender age of eight-four. His compassion, warmth and unparalleled dedication to the

Italian-American community helped thousands of Italians adapt to their new lives in America. Without his diligent efforts on their behalf, many would have found the daunting task of starting a new life a much more difficult experience. He made a real difference in the lives of many—a rare accomplishment.

It is a pleasure for me to stand today to recognize Gino's lifetime of achievement. He has left an indelible mark on the New Haven community and words cannot begin to express the thanks and appreciation he deserves for all his kindness and good works. I am honored to join his wife of sixty-six years, Nettie, his children Dino and Fausta, family and friends in extending my best wishes to Gino as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Uncle Gino!

IN TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JOSEPH WHITE

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to express my condolences to the family of Chief Joseph White, whose tragic and untimely passing, in the line of duty, we mourn. His wife, Joyce, his three children, his two foster children, his grandson and two foster grandchildren should know, that while their grief is heavy, comfort may be found in those close to them, friends and family, who will gather to acclaim his life. This husband and father was indeed a hero, cut down by a gun, while doing his job.

For nearly 30 years, Chief White gave of himself as a law enforcement officer, after retiring from the United States Navy. He served in a range of roles before becoming Chief at Rich Square a year and a half ago. He has been described as soft-spoken, yet effective. He was often seen with his 13-year-old grandson, a tough yet tender law man.

Chief White has now been called to rest and to reside in a place of total peace. God's finger has gently touched him and he now sleeps. I am confident that he has left a lasting impression on those who came to know him, and the principles that guided him will now serve as guideposts for those he leaves behind. I am also certain that throughout his life, he remained a caring friend, a devoted and loving family member, and a committed and dedicated father and husband.

He shall surely be missed. I feel certain, however, that he would want all of us to rejoice in his life and the time he spent on this earth.

The passing of a loved one is always very hard to understand, but God has the situation in-hand. Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verses 1 through 8 is instructive. It reads in part, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven . . . A time to be born, and a time to die." And while his friends and family will greatly miss the Chief, I want to remind them that strength can be found in their continued support of one another. That is what he worked for all of his life. That is what he would want.

And, a special word for his wife and children. It is my hope that your family will be comforted by the fact that God in His infinite

wisdom does not make mistakes. Your husband, father and grandfather will live on forever in your hearts and minds through your cherished memories of his life and the time you had with him. Please continue to support one another, and I will pray for God's rich blessings on each of you. May God comfort and help your family and friends and help all of you to hold on to treasured yesterdays; and reach out with courage and hope to tomorrow, knowing that your beloved is with God. Death is not the end of life. It is the beginning of an eternal sleep. Chief Joseph White lived his life in sacrifice so that all of us could live our lives in pride. He has labored long. He now rests.

THE U.S. MUST SUPPORT PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR POLISH HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, nearly two hundred of my constituents are the victims of a gross injustice which is continually being compounded by the evasive actions of the present government of Poland. Instead of acting expeditiously to end the cycle of evil set off by the Nazi extermination of Polish Jews, the present Democratic government of Poland has adopted a set of obviously immoral legal maneuvers which deny just compensation to these Polish holocaust victims and their heirs. Following the Nazi defeat, the Communist government continued the criminal denial of property rights. Now a government which has embraced the principles which recognize private property rights is behaving in a manner bordering on racketeering.

In response to a lawsuit filed in Federal Court in Brooklyn on June 18, 1999, the Polish government, on December 22, 1999 filed a motion to dismiss the pending case; however, four weeks later this same government began drafting a reprivatization law to submit to its parliament. The key provisions of the draft represent a blatant attempt to swindle the long neglected victims: Only fifty percent of the current value will be offered to the original owners; payment in bonds which have no face value is proposed; inheritance taxes will be demanded; a one year limit on making claims under the statute will be imposed; for each person making the claim there will be a five year residency requirement.

Instead of these evasive actions which prolong the cruel and inhuman treatment already suffered by the Polish Jews; justice requires that the Polish government institute the following remedies for the survivors: Immediately commence the deeding of all government owned properties back to their rightful owners; creation of a fund for those with ownership rights in properties that have been sold to bona fide third parties; no eviction of any Polish citizens is demanded and an accounting of profits received by Poland during the last 55 years would be "negotiated away."

The obvious violations of human rights is the least issue involved in this class action suit. Government grand larceny is a more appropriate term to describe this stalemate. The current neutral position of the U.S. State Department on this matter is inconsistent with